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## CO. K. READY FOR THE FRONT

Local Military Company Will Leave On Afternoon Train for Black Point—Is a Fine Body of Young Men, and Make a Good Show.

In answer to the call made by the president of the United States for national militiamen to do guard duty on the Mexican border, seventy-four brave young men will leave Arcadia this afternoon for the state mobilization grounds at Black Point. These young men, some single and others married, compose Co. K. the local unit of the National Guards of Florida. They are well officered, Rupert Smith being captain, Jack Whidden first lieutenant and Pat Houston second lieutenant.

The boys were expecting to leave here this morning, but on account of delay in packing their equipment, were forced to postpone the time of entraining until this afternoon.

The news of the departure of the local militiamen spread over the county yesterday, and a large number of out of town people were at the train to bid the members of the company God's speed on their journey. Besides the out of town people many Arcadians came down town, until fifteen minutes before train time a crowd of eight hundred people were blocking the streets near the depot. The stores had all made arrangements to close for thirty minutes preceding train time, but when they heard that the company would not leave until this afternoon they remained open. It is thought, however, that they will close at 4:30 and remain closed until after the train bearing our boys off to war has departed. The Merchants' Band will play in the band stand again this afternoon.

The following is the complete roster of the company leaving this afternoon:

Rupert Smith, captain,  
Jack Whidden, first lieutenant,  
Pat Houston, second lieutenant,  
Ruel Platt,  
Fred Santer,  
Oscar Wright,  
Smith Alderman,  
Eugene Brannon,  
Ralph Powell,  
Kenneth Pittman,  
Ben Jones,  
Parney Williams,  
Fred Montgomery,  
P. J. Colbert,  
L. D. Davis,  
O. L. Williams,  
A. C. Dowd,  
John M. Kabrick,  
C. A. Sloan,  
Traxler Stuckey,  
Joseph Mooney,  
Ed. Montgomery,  
R. R. Davis,  
H. G. Durance,  
S. C. Lawton,  
Tom Whidden,  
M. M. Dishong,  
Dewey Williams,  
John Parker,  
Wardie Bozarth,  
Albert Ford,  
James Green,  
Eugene Mathis,  
Ben Rowand,  
J. C. Adkinson,  
W. D. Freeman,  
C. E. Montgomery,  
A. R. Blivins,  
Gordon Watkins,  
G. W. Bates,  
Jody Stewart,  
Ralph Allen,  
Floy Albritton,  
Joe Riser,  
R. D. Barker,  
C. C. Freeman,  
Paul L. Worley,  
S. S. Barron,  
Ralph Harold,  
Yera Foley,  
Willie Lee,  
B. J. Skates,  
Jerry Barron,  
William Greenbaugh,  
George Duncan,  
T. H. Waldron,  
T. W. Lawton,  
Frank Lanier,  
H. A. Osteen,  
E. N. Stanley,  
R. R. Smith,  
Ed. Surrency,  
C. W. Kelley,  
Vernon Hurt,  
W. R. Bell,  
Ozell Dupont.

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## HOUSE SUSTAINS CHARGES

Expected That Marshall Will Receive a Reprimand. Warrant Will Be Issued Today. Contempt Charges At Last Settled.

Washington, June 21.—Contempt charges against H. Snowden Marshall, United States district attorney at New York, because of his criticism of a house sub-committee, were sustained by the house yesterday by a vote of 208 to 86, and the sergeant at arms was ordered to take him into custody and bring him before the bar of the house.

It is expected that a public reprimand will be the sentence imposed on Mr. Marshall when he is brought before the bar of the house. The action is the outgrowth of impeachment proceedings brought against him by Representative Buchanan. The sub-committee which investigated them and whose motives he impugned, has recommended against impeachment.

Speaker Clark probably will issue a warrant today. Although house leaders have indicated they would be satisfied with a reprimand, a more severe punishment, including imprisonment, could be imposed should the house so decide. A vote on that question will be taken later.

An all day debate preceded the vote. Representative Moon, chairman of a select committee, which investigated the contempt charges, leading the fight against Mr. Marshall. He declared the district attorney had offered an "outrageous insult" to the house. Representatives Garner, of Texas, Webb, of North Carolina, and other members, said failure to sustain the charges would constitute a repudiation of the sub-committee and an endorsement of Mr. Marshall's attack on it.

Representative Graham, of Pennsylvania, defending the district attorney, said the sub-committee had opened a publicity campaign, to which Mr. Marshall's statement was only the natural reply of an indignant man. The sub-committee had erred, he said, in opening hearings in New York and in trying to get information from members of the grand jury there.

## SURETY BOND IS MADE GOOD

Tampa Gets Check for \$24,456.67, Which Covers Shortage of Tax Collector Hollingsworth. Criminal Suit On Next Month.

Tampa, June 21.—The city of Tampa has received a check for the sum of \$24,456.67 from the American Surety Company of New York, to cover the shortage of ex-City Tax Collector J. L. Hollingsworth. The check will be presented to the city council. It comes through Otto P. Stallings, local representative of the bonding company.

At the time of his arrest, Hollingsworth, through his attorney, J. P. Wall, paid the city the sum of \$5,000 on account, thereby reducing the apparent deficit from \$29,456.67, to \$24,456.67. With the payment of the check the city has fully recovered for the entire amount of Hollingsworth's shortage while in office.

Considerable comment has been made of late about the quality of the bond the city held and the chances for the city to collect the money. The payment of the check shows the quality of the bond. It was good for its face value, which was \$25,000.

The payment of the money in no manner means that the city can not hold Hollingsworth and his property for any deficiency that may be discovered and laid to him in the future. However, it is not thought any more instances of appropriation of the city's funds on the part of Hollingsworth will be found.

Prior to the time the check was tendered it would have been impossible for the American Surety Company to have prosecuted Hollingsworth. It was not a loser at the time. Now the case has taken a decided turn, and the American Surety Company has lost \$24,456.67 through the for-

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## NO WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS

Carranza Is Told That Attack on American Troops Will Bring Punishment. United States Does Not Desire War, But Carranza Can Have It If He Starts Anything. Is Rebuked for Discourtesy Shown in Recent Note to the United States. Pointed Out That United States Has Stood for Much From Mexicans, and Cannot Withdraw Punitive Force Until Mexico Shows Ability to Stop Depredations of the Bandits On the International Border.

Washington, June 21.—With President Wilson's firm refusal to withdraw American troops from Mexico on its way to Mexico embodied in a note arraigning Carranza's course in a situation which has brought the two countries to the verge of war, the administration continues its preparations to meet any emergency that may arise. War or peace rests with Carranza. The position of the United States is pointedly set forth in its review of the apparent inability of Carranza to prevent border raids, and to keep the obligation he owes the world by the preservation of order in his dominions.

"If," says the note, "the de facto government is pleased to ignore this obligation and to believe that in case of a refusal to retire these troops, there is no further recourse than to defend its territory by an appeal to arms," the government of the United States would surely be lacking in sincerity and friendship if it did not frankly impress upon the de facto government that the execution of this threat will lead to the gravest consequences. While this government would deeply regret such a result, it can not recede from its settled determination to maintain its national rights and perform its duty in preventing further invasions of the territory of the United States and in removing the peril which Americans along the international boundary have borne so long with patience and forbearance."

The note was handed to Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate here, for transmission to Mexico City. Copies were furnished to all the foreign embassies and legations, and a summary cabled to Special Agent Rodgers at the Mexican capital.

## MASS MEETING TO HONOR SOLDIER BOYS WELL ATTENDED LAST NIGHT

More than a thousand people assembled last night at the band stand to attend the mass meeting which was held in honor of the departing soldier boys. The meeting under the oaks drew a much larger crowd than the political speaking held there the night before the recent primary. At 7:30 the militiamen under command of First Lieutenant Jack H. Whidden marched from their armory to the corner of Oak street and DeSoto avenue, where they went through several maneuvers. After a drill lasting perhaps fifteen minutes, the boys were brought to a halt in front of the band stand. Here the order "at ease" was given to the men, and after a prelude played by the Arcadia Merchants' Band, the speaking began.

Captain George M. Lynch, president of the Commercial Club, presided at the meeting besides making a splendid short talk. The following are the gentlemen who spoke: Colonel John W. Burton, Hon. Will C. Langford, Rev. F. A. Shore, Col. A. H. Blanding, of Wauchula, commanding the second regiment of F. N. G., Capt. Rupert Smith, newly elected captain of Co. K. First Lieutenant Jack Whidden was called upon for a speech, as was also Second Lieutenant Pat Houston. Both a

## EN ROUTE TO PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Hummer and daughter, Beatrice, who spent the winter in Arcadia, afterwards going to Punta Gorda for several weeks' fishing and bathing, passed through here on yesterday evening's train en route to Pennsylvania. They will stop at Jacksonville and Washington, D. C., for a day of sight-seeing at each city. Rev. Hummer owns a tract of land east of Gardner.

## WANT NAT BRYAN ON SUPREME COURT BENCH

Washington, June 21.—Senator Fletcher and members of the Florida congressional delegation, have asked President Wilson to appoint Senator Bryan of Florida, to the supreme court to succeed former Justice Charles Hughes, republican candidate for president. Senator Bryan has been defeated for another term. The president took the suggestion under advisement.

## MOBILIZATION SWELLING RANKS

Recruiting Is Stimulated By Offer to See Some Real Action, and Every State Is Sending In Its Full Quota of Men.

Washington, June 21.—Recruiting is proceeding rapidly throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, and officers believe that the national guard units will be brought up to war strength within a short time. Some of these units have already been filled, and await orders to move to the concentration camps.

Not since the days preceding the Spanish-American war has the country experienced such an outburst of patriotism. Many large corporations, department stores and other business houses whose employees are numbered among the national guard, will hold open the position of the soldiers, and many said the salaries would go on as if they were working, and they will be in line for promotion regardless of how long they might be absent.

Prospects of active service in Mexico also stimulated recruiting for the regular army, and yesterday a new high record was made in the number of applicants for one day.

The Pennsylvania Aero Club offered the services of five aviators with their machines.

Recruiting in Delaware was so brisk that in Wilmington it was necessary to call the police to handle the large crowds. Two battalions were quickly filled to war strength. Officers of the national guard said they easily could have recruited another battalion.

## W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. H. R. Morley Tuesday afternoon, June 20th, with nine members present. Mrs. J. C. Kemp led the meeting, and the subject was "Institutions for the Care of Dependents." Mrs. Morley led the discussion, "Poverty, Causes and Results," which was made very interesting by all present participating. After a short business session the hostess served delightful refreshments.

## GO SOUTHWARD MEANS WAR

Carranza Promises Protection to All Foreigners In Event War Is Declared. American Consulate at Mexico City Stoned.

Mexico City, June 21.—General Carranza in a statement to the press last night reiterated his declaration that any movements of American troops except to the northward would be considered hostile, and that Mexican commanders had been ordered to resist if it made.

The first chief said Mexico desires to avoid hostilities at any cost save the loss of national honor, but that in any event foreigners would be protected.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Aguilar declared that serious complications could only be avoided by the withdrawal of the American troops. He said that he regretted that the United States misunderstood the attitude of the Mexican people, who had become distrustful because of the failure to recall the American soldiers.

Editorials in the official organs strongly condemn the Washington administration for refusing to recall General Pershing's column, and request the American government to make good its "oft-repeated" protection of non-interference in the internal affairs of Mexico.

During an anti-American demonstration a crowd attacked the American consulate, hurling stones at it. Mr. Rodgers was not in the building at the time, but Vice-Consul Rowe was there. Mr. Rodgers has made a vigorous protest to the de facto government, which has promised adequate protection for the consulate and its people. Mr. Rodgers has asked the Carranza government to afford Americans every opportunity to leave the country, and to open the way from the capital city to the various sea-

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## HUNTSVILLE MAN KILLS SELF

Was a Republican, and Had No Part in Recent Democratic Primary, Which Was Responsible for Murder of Probate Judge.

Huntsville, Ala., June 21.—Huntsville was roused to a high pitch of excitement late yesterday with the news that S. Pleasants, an attorney of state wide reputation, had shot and killed himself in his office here, leaving a note that the act was caused by suspicion directed against him in connection with the murder here last week of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler.

The suicide became known shortly before it was learned that Charles M. Nalls, clerk of the circuit court of Madison county, had surrendered on a warrant charging him with complicity in the murder of the probate judge, Judge Nalls and D. D. Overton both were sought on warrants in connection with the murder. Overton has not been found up to this time, according to Sheriff Phillips, who has left for Birmingham with Nalls.

The mystery surrounding the death of Pleasants was heightened by an announcement by Mr. Tate, who has charge of the murder investigation, that at no time had any suspicion been held by the officials toward Pleasants. It was explained that the attorney was a republican in politics, and had taken no part in the recent democratic primary, by which a bitter contest resulted in the late Judge Lawler defeating Overton for the democratic nomination for probate judge.

The body of the attorney was found in his office yesterday afternoon by his stenographer, Miss Katie Sanford, when she returned from her lunch. It was first thought that he had been murdered, and such a crowd got around the office that the militia on duty here were forced to place a guard in front of the building.

Acting Solicitor Tate suspended the investigation into Judge Lawler's death and took charge of a hasty examination into the cause of the attorney's death. Shortly afterwards, he announced that Pleasants had left a note saying he killed himself because he had been suspected of Judge Lawler's murder. Later Mr. Tate explained that none of the officials had held such a suspicion, and he advanced the theory that the attorney must be mentally unbalanced. Physicians who knew Pleasants said he was of a highly nervous temperament.

## POLICEMEN KILL STRIKE BREAKER IN MISSISSIPPI

Gulfport, Miss., June 20.—In a pistol fight between police and non-union men brought here to take the places of the striking trainmen of the Gulf and Ship Island railroad, F. C. Triggs, of Detroit, was shot and killed. Witnesses at the coroner's inquest said the trouble started when ten policemen began following Triggs and fifteen other imported men to their quarters. Witnesses asserted that Triggs was armed, but that the police fired first. Several shots were exchanged, but only Triggs was hit.

## FLORIDA'S STRENGTH

Jacksonville, June 20.—The strength of the national guard of Florida consists of two regiments of infantry at peace strength, something like 2,000 officers and men. While widely scattered over the state from Key West to Apalachicola, the organizations can be mobilized en route to the Mexican border within twenty-four hours. One regiment has been ordered from Florida, consisting of about 1,200 officers and men. The entire strength will respond. The regiment is ordered to mobilize at the state camp, Duval county.

## SHREVEPORT WOMAN DROWNS IN A BATH TUB.

Shreveport, June 21.—Mrs. Cora Graves, 25 years old, drowned in a bath tub in this city when seized with an epileptic fit. The condition of the body indicated Mrs. Graves had been dead more than an hour when her body was found with her head under the water, which was running through an exhaust pipe.

Mrs. F. M. Alderman, of Arcadia, and Mrs. D. B. Hampton, of Ona, were the guests of Mrs. F. H. Ridgell.—Mulberry Herald.